

Appl. No.: 10/765,524
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REMARKS


CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Boyd, et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/007010178 ("Boyd"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every one of the elements of the claims must be disclosed in a single reference. It is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, recite subject matter not disclosed or suggested by the Boyd, et al. reference. In particular, the claims now recite a method for controlling the pace of a card game *consisting* of two or more players. The claims also recite that "monitoring the play of a card game among two or more players." The Boyd, et al. patent relates to an electronic poker game that may be played over computer network. It does not disclose or suggest the method for controlling the pace of a card game among two or more players. For all of the above reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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